

REMARKS

Claims 1-5 and 7-9 are pending in the present application. Claim 9 has been withdrawn. Claim 1 has been amended by incorporating the subject matter of Claims 2 and 3 therein; Claims 2 and 3 have been cancelled. No new matter has been introduced by the amendment.

CLAIM REJECTIONS UNDER 35 USC § 102

Claims 1-5, 7, and 8 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Hara Chie et al. (JP 08-281856; "Chie").

Amended Claim 1 recites, *inter alia*, a second transparent base material facing said first transparent base material with a clearance therebetween and having a second transparent resistance film disposed on a face thereof opposing said first transparent resistance film; the face of at least one of said first transparent base material or said second transparent base material opposing the other of said second transparent base material or said first transparent base material, respectively, having a plurality of ridge portions formed therein.

The Applicant respectfully submits that the reference does not describe a similar structure. In the Office action, Chie is said to disclose "a second transparent film (3) disposed thereon opposing said first transparent resistance film (3b), plural ridge portions (3, the zigzag electrode)....." This is seen to best advantage in FIG. 3 of the reference. One may observe that the faces of neither the first (1) nor the second (1b) transparent base layer have ridge portions (3 zigzag electrode) formed therein.

As such, not all of the elements and limitations, and the arrangement thereof, are found in the reference, and the Applicant respectfully submits that Claim 1 is not anticipated, and is

allowable. Claims 4, 5, 7 and 8, being claims dependent on an allowable base claim are allowable, without more.

CONCLUSION

Claims 1, 4, 5, 7 and 8 are pending.

Based on the above remarks, Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are in condition for allowance. The Examiner is kindly invited to contact the undersigned attorney to expedite allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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